

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed March 25, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration.

As a preliminary matter, Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 6-8, 11-15, 18-19, and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 22 and 23.

The Office Action indicated that the cross reference to related applications should be updated. This has been done.

Dependent claims 22 and 23 have been amended so that they depend from independent claim 11. Accordingly, Applicant believes that these claims should now be in allowable condition and respectfully requests that the objection to these claims be withdrawn.

Claims 1-5, 9-10, and 16-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Porter.

Although Applicant respectfully disagrees with this rejection and believes that these claims clearly distinguish over Porter, for purposes of expediting prosecution only, Applicant is canceling claims 1-5, 9-10, and 16-17 without prejudice or disclaimer and without acceding to the correctness of the rejection over Porter.

In view of these amendments and remarks, Applicant believes that claims 6-8, 11-15, 18-19, and 22-23 should now be in allowable condition.

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CONCLUSION

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,

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